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Dear Professor Caspersson:

My wife and I find it difficult to express properly our appreciation for the warmth and cordiality of our Nobelian hospitality. Let our deep wishes for a Happy New Year then suffice, together with particular thanks to Mrs. Caspersson and yourself for several memorable occasions.

I hope you will recall our lunchtime discussion of telemetric chemical analysis and the vital part it will have to play in cosmic research. Your own interests and experience, and the organization and facilities you have built seem to me to be remarkably preadapted to the needs of the occasion, and I hope you will have both the persistent interest and prompt opportunity to apply them. There are a number of channels through which the possibility of your interest might be expressed -- an excellent one may be the arrival within a few weeks of my friend from Wisconsin, Prof. Julian Mack, to be the scientific attache at the U.S. Embassy. I will presume to advise him to consult you at his earliest convenience; in any case, I am sure you will want to know one another. If I can be of any more explicit assistance, in an informal way, please let me know the measure and quality of your interest. There are few scientific challenges more provocative, and there may be less time for plans and preparations than one might plausibly imagine. There are, too, obvious reasons why Sweden might play an important role in the development of international scientific policy in space research, if Swedish scientists will take an informed interest in it.

Yours sincerely,

Hoshua Lederberg

(My address will be Stanford in fact
in about 3 weeks).